

have been contacted, including those of: Private Finney, Technical Sergeant Frezza, Sergeant Kyper, and Private First Class Penksa. The Bakers Creek Memorial Association continues to search for family relatives of the remaining 4 victims.

The aircraft that crashed at Bakers Creek had been operated by the U.S. Army Air Force's 46th Transport Carrier Squadron, of the Fifth Air Force. The plane was one of several B-17 bomber aircraft that had been removed from combat status and converted to transport service. Shortly after take-off from Mackay airport, the B-17C lost altitude, fell to earth in a slow and steady bank, and crashed in a ball of flames, 5 miles south at Bakers Creek. The 40 lost onboard included 6 crew members and 34 soldiers returning to their New Guinea battlefield posts after being on R&R leave in Australia. The crash left one survivor, Foye K. Roberts, an Army corporal at the time of the accident. Mr. Roberts recently passed away on February 4, 2004, at the age of 83.

I understand that retired Major General Robert H. Appleby, former commander of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, who lost an uncle in the crash, and other members of the Bakers Creek Memorial Association, plan to place a wreath on June 14 at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, to commemorate the 62nd Anniversary of the crash.

I applaud the members of the Bakers Creek Memorial Association and thank them for their efforts to help bring closure to the casualty families and public remembrance of the forty forgotten American soldiers of World War II in the Southwest Pacific, who perished at Bakers Creek in Australia on June 14, 1943.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING HUGH O'BRIAN

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge a special milestone for one of America's beloved entertainers and philanthropists. I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to Hugh O'Brian as he celebrates his 80th birthday.

Hugh O'Brian came into the public eye in the role of Wyatt Earp in the 1950s television series, "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp." An accomplished stage and screen actor, he used his talents to bring history to life while expanding his influential role well beyond the theater and television to the broader stage.

In 1958, Mr. O'Brian established the organization HOBY, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, aiming to provide support for young people striving for excellence. Over the past 47 years, HOBY has promoted extensive volunteerism, active global citizenship, and bright futures for young people. Through HOBY, Mr. O'Brian encour-

ages local, national, and international communities to be responsive to the needs of our future leaders, empowering countless young people with knowledge and conscientious role models.

We are extremely fortunate that people like Hugh O'Brian are committed to bringing people together in the spirit of creative problem-solving and positive social change. In his many roles, Mr. O'Brian has led, inspired, and provided hope. On the occasion of his 80th birthday, please join me in congratulating Mr. Hugh O'Brian on his lifetime of accomplishment.●

RETIREMENT OF REVEREND DAVID L. TIEDE

• Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, for the past 64 years, Minnesota has had the good fortune to be blessed with Dr. David L. Tiede.

When I was first elected Mayor of St. Paul, the first thing I did was travel around and meet the men and women who made the city tick. I encountered ordinary men and women, working moms and dads, who had tipped the scales to make a real difference. It was the first time I truly realized the ability of a single person to change the world around him for the better. David L. Tiede is such a person. He is a leader and a visionary, and thanks to his presence, Minnesota will never be the same.

Recently, David announced that he is retiring from Luther Seminary. Times like this are bittersweet. It is bitter because we are bidding farewell to somebody who has meant so much to us. It is sweet because we have an opportunity to pay tribute to someone who has given us so much and deserves acclaim.

A native Minnesotan, David earned his bachelor's degree at Northfield's own St. Olaf College, only a few miles away from his home in Le Center. After earning his Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, David left Minnesota to complete his graduate study and eventually earn his PhD.

After earning his doctorate from Harvard in 1971, Massachusetts' loss was Minnesota's gain as he returned to serve as the associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. At Trinity, David was not only a pastor, but also a teacher. Each Sunday he would teach Christ's lessons to his parish enabling them to realize God's calling and commission.

This is David's genius. Too often we are told that there is no right and wrong, that everything is subjective. The truth is that there is a right and a wrong, and there is something called the good life, which is not an easy life. It can be hard to do the right thing and can be even harder to lead others to do the right thing. However, that is exactly what David did.

David continued his commitment of teaching God's lessons when he joined

Luther Seminary to teach the New Testament. Working first as a member of the faculty and then as president, David brought his expertise of teaching and leadership to Luther Seminary, giving the school a strong mission focus in the preparation of pastors and other professional leaders for the Lutheran church. David taught his students that a pastor without a mission is just a guy talking. In other words, David realized that the old saying that a leader without followers is just a guy taking a walk is as true in a church as it is in life.

I remember shortly after being elected mayor of St. Paul being invited by Dr. Tiede to be a part of a program launching Luther Seminary's new Islamic Studies program. It was worth noting that this was probably the first time that a Jewish mayor of a Roman Catholic city was speaking at a Lutheran seminary to inaugurate an Islamic studies program.

David's leadership is recognized throughout the theological world. In 2002, he became only the second Lutheran to be elected president of the Association of Theological Schools, an organization of accredited theological schools in the United States and Canada. In addition, he serves on the board of IN TRUST, Inc., which provides resources for governing boards of theological institutions and has received the Outstanding Executive Award from the Association of Lutheran Development Executives. This spring, Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio awarded him the Joseph A. Sittler Award for Theological Leadership. Most recently, Augsburg College in Minneapolis named Dr. Tiede to the newly established Bernhard M. Christianson Chair of Religion, the college's first endowed chair. In this capacity, Dr. Tiede will be able to teach, write and continue his study of the New Testament even as he continues to work to strengthen the institutions of the Lutheran church.

David Tiede's retirement will be a great loss to Luther Seminary and Minnesota. Certainly he has been one of the finest, most skilled religious leaders in our state. David will be missed, but will never be forgotten as his teachings and philosophy have been passed on through the Luther Seminary to a new generation of religious leaders.●

TRIBUTE TO JIM BRENT

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I recognize Jim Brent, the Cass County Veterans Service Officer, who most ably serves veterans of my State's largest city of Fargo and the rest of Cass County. On June 23, 2005, various veterans organizations and friends of Jim will host an appreciation dinner and program at the Fargo Teamsters Hall. This upcoming event is a real testament to how much Jim has contributed to the veterans community and the Fargo community as a whole.

Jim Brent began his service to our great Nation in the United States